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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, CH, US

SUBJECT: NCNA DELETES REFERENCE TO US IMPERIALISM IN NEW FILM

1. AN ARTICLE WITH APPARENTLY ANTI-AMERICAN OVERTONES WAS STRUCK FROM NCNA'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE FILE FEBRUARY 10. THE ARTICLE, WHICH RAN FOR ABOUT 190 WORDS ON NCNA'S ASIA BEAM AND ONLY EIGHT WORDS ON THE EUROPEAN BEAM BEFORE BEING SHUT DOWN (OKINAWA FBIS OW102208), IS ABOUT A NEW CHINESE MOVIE, "TRAILBLAZERS," WHICH TRACES THE HISTORY OF AN OILFIELD. THAT HISTORY BEGINS WITH A STRUGGLE TO SAVE THE FIELD FROM DESTRUCTION BY "FLEEING KUOMINGTANG REACTIONARIES AND U.S. IMPERIALISTS." NCNA SEEMS TO HAVE BALKED AT THIS PHRASE, FOR THE LONGER VERSION GOES ONLY ONE SENTENCE FURTHER BEFORE STOPPING.

2. THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS PHRASE PROMPTED THE SHUTDOWN IS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE EARLIER NCNA DOMESTIC VERSION OF THE ARTICLE WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED FEBRUARY 9, (FBIS OKINAWA OW110515). IT DOES NOT CONTAIN THE "US IMPERIALIST" PHRASE. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT KIRIN PROVINCIAL RADIO HAS JUMED IN TO PRAISE
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THE FILM AND REFERRED TO "US IMPERIALISM" (FEBRUARY 10 BROAD-

CAST).

3. COMMENT: WE WILL NEED TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT FURTHER TREATMENT THIS FILM IS GIVEN BEFORE COMING TO ANY THEORIES ABOUT IT AS A POSSIBLE VEHICLE FOR ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT. WHAT IS NOTEWORTHY AT THIS POINT IS THE SENSITIVITY AND ALERTNESS OF CHINESE MEDIA TO SIGNALS. WE WOULD GUESS THAT THE NCNA EDITOR WHO PULLED THE PLUG HAS ORDERS AGAINST SUCH REFERENCE TO THE US AT THIS TIME. BY STOPPING IN TO STOP THIS ARTICLE IN FLIGHT, NCNA MAY ALSO HAVE MADE ONE OTHER THING CLEAR. WHEN "US IMPERIALISM" IS PLAYED UP IT WILL NOT BE AN ACCIDENT.
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